

Amendments to the Specification

Change paragraph 0003, as follows:

**[0003]** A scanning camera is also used in a video teleconference system in which participants at remote places can talk with each other using a high-speed communication line. The scanning camera can continuously ~~aims~~ aim at any participant in the conference through optimizing a photographing direction.

Change paragraphs 0028-0029, as follows:

**[0028]** A motor support plate having ~~a~~ an L-shape cross section extends from one side of the first frame 7 in a backward direction. A stepping motor (hereinafter referred to as a tilt motor) 12 serving as a driver for the tilt operation in a substantially vertical direction is fixed to an end portion of the motor support plate through two cylindrical columns 12b projecting from the stepping motor 12. A An L-shaped driving lever 12a is secured to a motor shaft of the tilt motor 12. An end of the driving lever 12a is inserted into the elongated slot of the link portion 9a.

**[0029]** A stepping motor (hereinafter referred to as a pan motor) 13 serving as a driver for panning the first frame 7 in a substantially horizontal direction is fixed to a center bottom surface of the second frame 8 through two cylindrical fixing arms (not shown) extending from the pan motor 13. A An L-shaped driving lever 13a is secured to a motor shaft of the pan motor 13. An end of the driving lever 13a is inserted into a U-shaped slot formed in a lower center portion of the first frame 7.

Change paragraph 0037, as follows:

**[0037]** The light emitting element 5 and the light receiving element 6 constituting an active ranging unit are fixed to the imaging device 9 for changing a ranging direction in the tilting operation and the panning operation. The light emitting element 5

and the light receiving element 6 ~~measures~~ measure a distance while changing the ranging direction thereof in accordance with the tilting operation and the panning operation. Accordingly, the scanning camera 1 detects an object present within about 5 m from the scanning camera 1. The photographing direction is aligned with the ranging direction, so that the scanning camera 1 stops to photograph an object in a direction that the object is detected.